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For: THROMBOPLASTIN REAGENT AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

4. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of addition of the amino acid or derivative thereof is after the step for the extraction of thromboplastin from the material composition and is before the freeze-drying.

5. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of addition of the amino acid or derivative thereof is after the step for the extraction of thromboplastin from the material composition and for the freeze-drying.

6. A thromboplastic reagent which is manufactured by the method of claim 1.

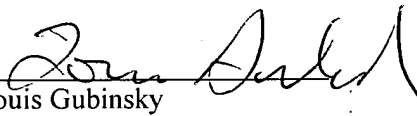
9. The thromboplastin reagent according to claim 7, wherein the amino acid or derivative thereof mentioned in claim 7 is glutamic acid, sodium glutamate or glycine.

**REMARKS**

Multiple claim dependency is corrected. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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